



Regional Service Council Minutes Region 5

Meeting Date: April 25, 2008

Meeting Location: Wabash Valley Hospital
South River Road
West Lafayette, IN 47906

Council Members Present: Gilbert Smith, Regional Manager; Jan Mullen, Director Carroll and Clinton County DCS; Elva James, Director Benton County DCS; Kathy Shank, FCM Carroll County DCS; Barbara Bedrick, Director White County DCS; Cathy Booe, FCM Supervisor, Fountain County DCS; Pam Crum, Foster Parent; Judge John Rader, Warren County and Judge Loretta Rush, Tippecanoe County.

Council Members Absent: Coleen Hamrick, Tippecanoe County CASA Director, and Judge Henderson, Fountain County.

Others In Attendance: Cindy Mason, Director Fountain County DCS; Angela Smith Grossman, Director Tippecanoe County DCS; Angie Guimond, Sarah Sailors, Rhonda Friend, Laura Zimmerman, and Sonya Janssen, FCM Supervisors, Tippecanoe County; dianna Huddleston, Wabash Valley Hospital; Michelle Jones, Indiana Professional Management Group for Books for Youth; Charles Hunter, Crossroads; David Eiler, Wernle; Deb Johnson, Lifeline; Debi Sibray, Whites; Michael Johnson, Dan Wineberg and Bobby Jones, Lutherwood; Kelli Musselman and Y'nesha Johnson, Kidspeace.

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at: 7:30 am

1. Minutes from February 29, 2008 – approved with correction of Wabash Valley representatives to Jessica McCarthy and Sherri Moore.
2. Community Partners report – dianna reported the following numbers for referrals:
 - Benton County had 27 referrals and used \$1000.00 of flex money
 - Carroll County had 35 referrals and used \$2600.00 of flex money
 - Clinton County had 24 referrals and used no flex money
 - Fountain County had 28 referrals and used \$274.00 of flex money

- Tippecanoe County had 165 referrals and used \$12,000.00 flex money
- Warren County had 17 referrals and used \$840.00 flex money
- White County had 38 referrals and used \$2800.00 flex money

There hasn't been a big increase in referrals resulting from the push to get outside referrals. dianna asked if they might get permission to pay for group counseling at \$30.00/hour for up to 12 sessions (groups would include anger management, children's groups, adolescent substance abuse groups, bi-polar groups, therapeutic groups, etc.). A motion to approve was made by Judge Rader and seconded by Elva James. The motion passed.

Angela Smith Grossman asked if we could use some of the extra money to pay for camps. It would have to be kids who aren't wards. That is something to check into.

dianna will explore the idea of a \$500 cap on flex funds per family.

Community Partners team leaders have been to schools and probation encouraging referrals but they aren't getting many. It may be that people think that it is too good to be true that they can actually get services free of charge. Also, they may feel that this is controlled by DCS. Gil has spoken with a pastor in his community and feels that people just don't have any idea what Community Partners is.

Families that have worked with Community Partners so far are generally pleased. Staff like the program because the clients they work with are there because they want to be.

3. Michelle Jones of Indiana Professional Management Group is coordinating the Books for Youth program. There are 350 children (wards) in our Region who would receive a backpack containing 25 age appropriate books. We're August or September will be our kickoff month. School will be back in session and Purdue and Ivy Tech may help. We would like to see if we can get a Colts player or cheerleader, maybe Purdue Pete. The kickoff could possibly be at the first home game or at homecoming. It was suggested that we work with the grade schools and have competition between the grades to collect books and the winning grade could win a pizza party or something. Ideas were discussed about donations and possible drop off sites. Drop off boxes for books will be located in various locations. Some restaurants have said they would be willing to have a drop off box located in their store. We will have advertisements in newspapers, flyers and the Tipmont REMC newsletter. Each county needs to think about a representative or group for Michelle to contact. Each county will need to get Michelle their kids' ages and genders. She would like to distribute the backpacks as they get filled. Michelle can be emailed at M.Jones@GoToIPMG.com

4. PEDs training must be done by July 1st. We're looking at June 20th. Angela will work on getting a room for this training. This training is available to LEA, prosecutors and providers in the Region and we'll need to get this information to them. This will probably best be done by an email that describes the program. We will have a contract with Riley Children's Hospital to do consultant work when we have a case where we can't be sure of the circumstances.

5. IV-B Allocations –

- FAKT (foster parent training money) The Region has built its own foster parent training, newsletter, recruitment and retention. We're not sure if we really want to put money into this allocation unless we can stipulate what the money is used for, recognizing that FAKT money does pay for first aid, CPR and in-service training. Gil is going to a meeting on April 29th and he will find out if we can specify what we want to use it for. As it is currently written we have no control over how it is spent. Gil will notify RSC of the outcome of his meeting on the 29th. Motion to defer action on this item until April 29th made by Judge Rader, seconded by Judge Rush. Motion approved.

County by County IV-B Allocations

- Tippecanoe County – There were no questions. Motion to approve made by Elva James, seconded by Jan Mullen. Motion approved.
- Benton County – Benton is allocating no flex money. There were no questions. Motion to approve made by Barb Bedrick, seconded by Jan Mullen. Motion approved.
- Carroll County –Community Partners allocations were omitted. That should go to Wabash Valley. Jan will make the corrections and send to Gil's administrative assistant. There were no questions. Motion to approve made by Elva James, seconded by Barb Bedrick. Motion approved.
- Clinton County – Community Partners allocations were omitted. That should go to Wabash Valley. Jan will make the corrections and send to Gil's administrative assistant. There were no questions. Motion to approve made by Barb Bedrick, seconded by Elva James. Motion approved.
- Fountain County – There were no questions. Motion to approve made by Jan Mullen, seconded by Barb Bedrick. Motion approved.
- Warren County – There were no questions. Motion to approve made by Jan Mullen, seconded by Barb Bedrick. Motion approved

- White County – Barb feels the amount of money allowed for Independent Living should be more. She spent more than the amount allocated last year and had to borrow. There were no questions. Motion to approve made by Elva James, seconded by Jan Mullen. Motion approved.
6. Practice Reform Updates – Landra wasn't here to give an update. 100% of staff should be trained in Facilitation by July 1st. Cohorts in training can do prep and observation on their transfer of learning days and should start training as soon as they graduate. Two people may observe one meeting.
 7. New Regional Service Council Membership and Policy – Beginning July 1st there will be a change in membership. There will be a vice chairperson, one additional FCM supervisor, an additional FCM, an additional foster parent and a prosecuting attorney or designee. There will also be one individual age 16-25 years who has received services. We will need to try to maintain a balance of representation of the counties in the Region.
 8. Gil will not be available to attend RSC on the regular last Friday of the month in June. It was agreed to have the meeting on June 13th instead. His administrative assistant will notify the State website of the change in date.
 9. Clinton County request, Jan Mullen – Request for funding for IU high school program in Clinton County. Teachers may be available from 3-6 in the evenings or on Sunday. This is better than a GED because it is an actual diploma. There will be a summer session and a fall session. There are two teachers, they are younger and the kids really like them. Jan is requesting \$7000 for this program which will provide credit hours through December 2008. She also asked if this would be able to be funded in 2009. It is Gil's understanding, though he doesn't know anything official, that it will not. The alternative programs, parks programs and non-DCS programs will no longer be funded. We'll need to figure out who can fund these programs. Motion to approve Jan's request was made by Elva, seconded by Barb. Motion was approved.
 10. Spot Bonuses – Sarah Sailors, Amanda Grills Holsapple, Jennifer Walters and Sam Warren of Tippecanoe County and Darrel Noonkester of Carroll County all received spot bonuses. Also receiving bonuses for being ICWIS Power Users were Angie Guimond of Tippecanoe County, Elva James of Benton County, Autumn Badger of Warren County, Cindy Mason of Fountain County and Kim Plantenga of White County.
 11. Dismissal of Court Representatives - Court representatives were dismissed to prepare for provider presentations.
 12. Provider Presentations –
 - Crossroads – Randy Rider
 - Lifeline – Deb Johnson

- Lutherwood – Michael Johnson, Dan Wineberg and Bobby Jones
- Kidspeace – Kelli Musselman and Y'nesha Johnson
- Wernle – David Eiler and Charles Hunter

Next Meeting Date, Time and Location: The next meeting will be June 13, 2008, at 7:30 a.m. at the Wabash Valley Hospital on South River Road in West Lafayette.

Meeting Adjourned at: 10:15 am.